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Dear Harold & Lil,

This is just a quickie covering note to accompany some N.Y. Times clippings on the CIA, and the Quadrangle/New York Times Book Company paperback, "The Offense of Richard M. Nixon: A Guide To His Impeachable Offenses," which may prove helpful to you in your continuing research and writing. I'll keep the clippings coming, for I get the Times daily and appreciate the problems you have in getting it out there in Frederick.

I am sorry not to have been in touch sooner, but I have had a bit of a time of it with my "permanent bridge." Dr. Maxwell, the dentist who built the jobbie in the first place, was able to salvage the installation, but at the cost of having to remove one of the 4 teeth on which it was (and still is) suspended. After having had enough "miracle drugs" to effect a miracle (which did not materialize in this particular case), the swelling was gotten down enough to allow the dentist to literally slice the last tooth back, on the upper left side, right in half; the upper part, that with the roots, was then cut out of the jaw and the lower section, which was attached to the bridge itself, was lifted out.

This less than pleasant bit of dental work was done 10 days ago; I go back to the dentist tomorrow for the making of a synthetic mold of the "hole" where the former tooth's roots used to live, so that an artificial something-or-other can be ultimately stuck back up there and into the bridge socket. Otherwise, the bridge will have to hang on 3 teeth, which would be about as practical as having a 4 legged-table trying to balance on only 3 legs. We'll see what happens. Frankly, I was very relieved that the bridge could have a reprieve, for I had visions of simply having to mail my uppers in for service. That will ultimately be the case, but a bit more time has been bought before having to face that inevitability.

So, so much for the chomper-saga! It's not very interesting, but has been a bit attention-consuming of late, as I'm sure you understand.

I was sorry not to have been able to have spent more time with you during my recent visit, but those up-and-down headlights on the Ford have really turned me into a "daylight hours only" driver. Maybe, your man out there in Frederick can find the thus far elusive cause of the headlights' malady, which would be more than anyone at Ford, or any of the other service places visited to date, has been able to do. If you have a chance, why not ask him if he thinks he might be able to handle the job, and if so, when? Please let me know.

I've finished "Frame-Up: The Martin Luther King/James Earl Ray Case," but want to go through parts of the book again, just to be certain I've gotten all the material straight. I enjoyed reading it, if one can enjoy the factual documentation of official deception (to be gracious about it), but felt that the proofreader and editor of the publishing house did not do justice to your work. Good editing is like good rug repair, in that in neither case should it be apparent that the work was done. As I read, I could almost see the editor's imaginary blue pencil at work! I realize that it is difficult to cut down a mass of material without losing a lot, particularly with your writing which is very fact-laden, still, I think a better and less obvious editing job could have been done...also, I would like to read the original from which the"digest" was culled. Would that be possible?

I am about half way through "Whitewash IV," and find it, like the 3 earlier "Whitewashes," fascinating, especially since that same"all-star" Nixon team, of Watergate and what-have-you fame, plays such a prominent "in character" role. If nothing else, one has to admit that that bunch is consistent. At no point could any charge of fair play be leveled at this group, nor could any court ever find any of them guilty of integrity or any other virtue associated with the morality syndrome!

I want to get this letter in the mail today, so I will spare you my further comments on the chap out there at San Clemente and his associates, for there is nothing that I could say that hasn't already been said (and better) by you and the many other newspeople and contemporary historians.

More soon.

All the best....

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